

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing a signal in a digital network for distribution of transport streams carrying a plurality of services comprising:

a transmitter configured to generate numbering information pertaining to the plurality of services, for including the numbering information into the signal and for transmitting the signal,

a receiver for receiving the signal, for retrieving the numbering information from the signal, and for numbering services of the plurality of services in dependence on the number information, wherein the transport streams include network information tables, and wherein each network information table comprises a first descriptor providing information to the receiver on performing an automatic service update, a linkage descriptor indicating a move of a service to another network, and a second descriptor indicating the numbering information, and wherein the receiver is configured to renumber the moved service in accordance with information in the second descriptor.

2. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the network information table also comprises at least one of the following: service list descriptors and frequency list descriptors.

3. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein prior to a transmitter reconfiguration involving changes of frequencies allocated to the services, the transport streams include a network information table indicating the new transmitter frequencies to be adopted after the transmitter reconfiguration, wherein the receiver is arranged to store the information about new transmitter frequencies in a memory for use after the new transmitter configurations are initiated.

4. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first descriptor indicates if the automatic service update of the receiver can utilize information in the service list descriptors.

5. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first descriptor indicates if the automatic service update of the receiver can utilize information in the frequency list descriptors.

6. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linkage descriptor distinguishes between at least one of the following: a move of a service to another network, the move of a service within a network, and a move of a service to a new network.

7-15. (Canceled).